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BAY AREA LAWN MOWER BUY-BACK EVENTS BEGIN ELECTRIC MOWERS FOR \$100 OFF RETAIL

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, along with several Bay Area county waste management agencies, is providing a \$100 rebate to residents who exchange their old gas-powered lawn mowers for an electric model. With an old mower trade-in, residents will receive an instant rebate on either a Black & Decker corded mower for \$79 plus tax, or a cordless mower for \$279 plus tax.

"Earth Day is coming, and this event gives county residents a chance to make a clean air choice," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Air Pollution Control Officer. "We hope to exchange over 800 gasoline lawn mowers for new, less polluting electric models," said Garvey.

Gasoline-powered lawn mowers create an estimated nine tons of air pollution every day in the Bay Area. Running a gas mower for an hour pollutes as much as forty late-model cars idling for the same time period. Grass trimmings also make up a significant portion of the waste that gets buried in local landfills. By switching to an electric mulching mower, residents can keep their lawn green, save time and money, and cut down air pollution and yard waste to ZERO.

Mowers must be drained of oil and gas. They are available on a first come, first served basis; supplies are limited. You must be a resident of the participating county. For more info, residents should call 1-800-HELP-AIR or go to www.baaqmd.gov.

Sponsors include the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Napa	April 13	8:30 am	Napa Home Depot, 225 Soscol Ave.
Alameda	April 13	9:00 am	Southland Mall, Hayward. **Organized by Alameda County Waste Management Agency.
Sonoma	April 20	7:00 am	Rohnert Park Home Depot, 4825 Redwood Drive
Contra Costa	April 20 April 27	7:00 am 7:00 am	Pittsburg Home Depot, 2300 N. Park Blvd. San Ramon Home Depot, 2750 Crow Canyon Road
Solano	April 27	8:00 am	Vacaville Home Depot, 510 Orange Drive
Santa Clara	May 11	8:00 am	Sunnyvale Home Depot, 690 Kifer Road